

Water Tower Drive assessments finalized and approved

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MADISON VILLAGE - The final total assessment for the work on Water Tower Drive is \$66,607.67 administrator Alyson Moritz advised council at the Nov. 21 meeting. Of that total, \$8,420.67 was for engineering costs.

"I haven't talked to Tony (Long, fiscal officer) yet about the possibility of getting them on this year's tax rolls," she said.

The assessment is to be paid by property owners at 4 percent interest over 10 years.

Typically, the assessments must be presented to the county auditor by September to be included in the current year. Long thought it might be possible the auditor would still allow it at this late date due to the amount.

Council suspended the readings and passed an ordinance to levy the special assessments for the repair, sealing, chipping, surface coating, striping, improvements

to the valve boxes and such other related improvements for Water Tower Drive and declaring an emergency.

In other business:

* Council passed a resolution of appreciation for the Madison High Key Club.

Council wished to recognize the Key Club's community service of raking and bagging leaves for senior residents.

Key Club President Katelyn Kosar, Vice President Brianna Anderson and member Alexandria Bruno were present to accept the resolution. School counselor Julie Behm and English teacher Julie Vacca are the club advisors.

"I feel these young people are a credit, not only to their parents, but to their community," said Jack Lading, a recipient of the leaf raking services who brought it to council's attention.

* Council approved a purchase order in the amount of \$65,406.25 for new radios for the police department.

"This is down from the original \$86,000," said Police

Chief Dawn Shannon. She explained that grants and the combined purchase of radios by Lake County communities resulted in the decreased cost.

The purchase was made through state bid.

* Madison Public Library Director Nancy Currie thanked the community for its support in passing the library levy. She added the Friends of Madison Public Library was selling Bicentennial calendars at the library for \$10.

* Councilman Mark Vest reported the Planning Commission had reviewed some site plans for the Madison Elementary School. Particular attention was being paid to how the property was to drain and the placement of ball fields.

* Councilman Don Bartlett said the Madison Fire Board had reviewed the plans for the new fire station and a rendering of how the station would look. The board is now proceeding with selection of lights, carpeting and other items for each room in

the 16,000 square foot station with four bays.

The board is in the process of seeking property for Station #4 along Route 20.

* Councilman Dan Donaldson reported Safford Street was finally completed and some residents actually wished for rain to see how the street would drain now.

The new elementary school will meet the environmental requirements for it to be rated a silver certified LEEDS building.

* Councilman John Hamercheck had reported the village had prepared another plan for sanitary sewer service which it hopes will be accepted by the county.

* Shannon reminded everyone that snow plow contractors must apply for a free permit from village hall.

Council adjourned to executive session to discuss a personnel issue - replacement of Councilman Sam Britton when he is sworn as mayor.

The next meeting of council will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5.